



HELPING MRS. DELK of the Bossier Postal Wives count the Betty Crocker coupons collected by Circle K are club officers (from left) Mike Monarch (seated), Ron Turner, Lane Cook, and Randy Coon. The coupons will be used by the Postal Wives to buy an oxygen respirator for Bossier City General Hospital.

Want Students on Board

SGA Presidents Seek Revision By Constitutional Convention

By CINDY TUCKER

Robert Aertker, Superintendent of Education for East Baton Rouge Parish, spoke to a conference of Louisiana Student Government Presidents at LSUBR recently and was presented with a resolution, passed earlier by the conference, which requested that the Constitutional Convention of 1973 make provisions in the revised constitution for voting student membership on its "educational governing body." Presently no person taking academic courses can be on an educational or governing body in Louisiana.

Carey Pouchaux, President of the Student Government Association at LSUBR, told Aertker that the conference did not want to ensure that there would be a certain number of students on the Board of Supervisors. "All we want to know," stated Pouchaux, "is that students can be on the Board, which they cannot now."

Aertker told Pouchaux that when the constitution is being developed,

if he found an area in it which excluded him from the privilege of serving on any board which involved his education, that he would personally speak for its removal.

Asked to Appear

When asked by Steve Porter, SGA President from Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Students Association President, if he would appear on behalf of students before the legis-

lative committee, Aertker replied, "I'd be glad to."

Aertkers told the assembly that they would have a real struggle in order to obtain an equal vote on the Board of Supervisors.

Although the conference was not an LSA meeting, the function and purpose of LSA were discussed.

The conference took action on the issue of the legality of LSA. They passed a directive which states, "A meeting between the Attorney General and the Student Government Presidents shall be arranged by Steve Porter, by the earliest possible date, to urge the Attorney General to reach a decision concerning the funding of organizations such as LSA."

The conference passed a resolution recommending that the "State Board of Education equalize funding of higher education as directed by the Louisiana Coordinating Council on Higher Education, with special consideration given to those institutions located at the bottom of this funding formula."

Salary Increase Opposed

A stand against an increase of presidents' salaries was also taken. The reasons for opposition, stated in the resolution, were that education in Louisiana has suffered because of a shortage of funds, the cost of education is rising faster than the increase in state funding, and because "the proposed salary increase to the state board college and university presidents is unfair to other areas of education that are in greater need of additional funds."

Those attending the conference from LSUS were William E. Malone, SGA Vice President; Mary Pacheco, President pro tempore of the Senate; Tony Sanders, SGA senator; and Cindy Tucker, senator. LSUS voted in favor of the resolution concerning student membership on an educational governing body, and the resolution opposing increased presidents salaries.

Walk-A-Thon Set For Tomorrow

The Shreveport chapter of the March of Dimes will hold its annual Walk-A-Thon, Saturday, April 7, beginning and ending at Dillards in Shreve City, according to Dale Patty, March of Dimes chairman.

Honorary walk chairman for this year is Lt. Gov. James Fitzmorris. Other local dignitaries who will walk are Mayor Calhoun Allen, Fire Chief Dallas Greene, Public Service Commissioner Ed Kennon, State Representative Alphonse Jackson, and U. S. Representative Joe Waggoner.

KEEL radio's mobile unit will broadcast the event from Dillards, while personalities Larry Ryan, Ralph Montgomery (Mr. Weather), Randy Hames, and Jeff Baker participate in the walking.

Proceeds from the event will go to the local chapter and national foundation.

An added bonus to the event will be a color television set awarded by Dillards to the person who has the most money pledged to him.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. with the walk starting at 9 a.m. and ending at 4 p.m.

Harrington Announces Candidacy

Patrick Harrington, junior pre-med major, has announced his candidacy for Student Government Association President. Harrington, a former junior senator, resigned last semester because of what he called "childlike and inane remarks and procedures" of the SGA.

Making the SGA more responsible to the students is one of Harrington's primary goals, he said, but, he remarked, the advances already made by SGA must be utilized.

Harrington conceded that while a senator he sponsored more student-oriented activities than the majority of senators. Among the activities, he listed supporting student insurance, weekend library hours, improvements in the Snack Shack, free movies, and Field Day and Talent Show bills.

If elected, Harrington pledged to support a faculty-student academic appeals board to review any grade that a student feels is unjust, longer weekday library hours, and more and better dances, movies, and other student activities.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Bagatelle announces that they are accepting applications for staff positions for next fall. Paid positions open are editor-in-chief, four sections editors, and photographer. Volunteer positions open are typist, layout assistant, copy proof-reader, and photographer. Those interested may contact Karen Johnson, S217 or Mrs. Lampkin, S 106C.

New Building To Be Vacant Until Summer, Howell Says

By GEORGE M. LAWRENCE

"It looks like it'll be summer now before we get in it," said Dr. A. J. Howell, assistant dean for business affairs, regarding when the new Liberal Arts Building will be occupied.

Dr. Howell said a few minor discrepancies still remain to be corrected, but that furniture delivery is the greatest drawback to getting into the new building prior to the end of this semester.

Even if some desks, chairs and other furniture were received, Howell said, enabling some faculty, department heads and student activities to move, that probably these transfers would not be made because such moves would not be economically feasible.

Dr. Howell pointed out that the movement of only a few people would necessitate installing telephone

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Three For President

Five Qualify For SGA Positions

Five students have qualified to seek student government executive council offices. SGA Vice-President William C. Malone, junior Patrick H. Harrington, and junior Gerald K. Parvino will vie for the position of president, while freshman Tony G. Sanders and sophomore Sherry Ann Bolin are apparently unopposed in their bids for vice-president and secretary, respectively.

The elections are set for April 18-19.

Also to be chosen will be this year's recipient of the "Spittoon Award" that goes annually to the instructor that students feel "most aids the students, shows most unselfish dedication to his profession, and best exemplifies the true spirit of a scholar and teacher."

Tonight's movie in the Science Lecture Auditorium will be "Can Heironymus Merkin Ever Forget Mercy Humppe and Find True Happiness?" Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

Junior Senator Larry Hilton sponsored two resolutions, both establishing ad hoc committees. One would study the functions and powers of an academic appeals board, should one be formed.

Hoyle Rogers, a junior senator, will chair the academic appeals board

committee, with other members being freshman Senators Mary Pacheco and Cindy Tucker.

The other committee, chaired by freshman Senator Karla Butler, will study the teacher evaluation process and propose measures to make the process more meaningful.

Probably the most significant item of business transacted at last week's senate meeting was a resolution authored by Hilton recommending that a committee be established within the SGA "to convey ideas as to student wants, needs and opinions to those

persons in the administration responsible for the specifications" of the proposed Student Union Building.

Hilton said that since this structure will belong to the students, they should have some say in what the building will contain, but that the administration has "not said one word to anyone in SGA about what they would like to see" in the building.

The senate also voted to submit a petition from students to the administration recommending placement of vending machines in all classroom buildings.



CAY GREEN SEEMS TO HAVE A MUMMY on her hands instead of a "patient" in Sandra Bowen's First Aid class. According to John Juneau, the problem, besides not being able to breathe, is that his hair always gets caught in those square knots.

Editorials

In Our 'Patch'

'Weave' No Evils For Boll Weevils

Well, Folks. It looks like if we don't do something mighty fast, we're going to be up in the air with the mascot, LSUS Pilots. To what genius can we attribute this misnomer? Don't tell us that he is flying unescorted around the halls.

The next thing we know, they'll be telling us that our colors are mauve and chartreuse or that the school uniform will be a Red Baron outfit complete with goggles.

Who is "they" and how were "they" appointed? Well, that's what we've been wondering. It seems that a committee has crawled out of the woodwork and set themselves up as critics of originality.

Vote For Favorites

Last semester we voted on suggestions, supposedly to narrow down our choice for mascot and colors. We erroneously concluded that we, the students, would then be allowed to vote on our favorites. But even if we are allowed to vote, our favorites will not be on the ballot—they were not "unique." Fortunately for us, there are some original thinkers on this mascot and colors committee—like David Graham and George Lawrence. "Nuff said."

One "nique" name being considered is the "Travelers." Ever heard of the Arkansas Travelers? But they're so far away, no one would confuse us with them.

"Roadrunners" is another secondhand name they dug up. Some institution in New Mexico has this name, but we're not sure what kind of institution it is.

And "Pilots?" What can you say about Pilots? This name is supposed to have some kind of historical significance. Did you know that riverboat captains on Red River were called pilots? For some unknown reason (and we're ashamed of ourselves), we are having a hard time trying to identify with riverboat pilots.

Beloved Cottonpatch

Anyway, closer to "home" than Red River is our beloved and legendary cottonpatch. But whom did we take it away from?—the boll weevil. As Indians are the only true Americans, boll weevils are the only true cottonpatchers.

The least we can do is give back a little of their self-respect by making them our mascot. So, what's more unique than the LSUS Boll Weevils?

This suggestion was discarded by the committee without due respect or consideration.

As students, we know that there is much popular support for the Weevils. Why should we permit a committee composed of a handful of students and faculty members to make this important decision for us?

Let's make our opinions known. If you are a true cottonpatcher and respect originality, turn thumbs down to Pilots, Travelers and Roadrunners. Write BOLL WEEVILS in humongous capital letters on your ballot (provided we're given a ballot).

No April fooling.

—Cathy Lewis and Margie Parvino

End Our Apathy-- Take Time To Vote

During the past several years, LSUS has undergone many changes, and currently is in the process of establishing school colors and mascot and electing new Student Government Association officers.

Within the next several weeks, the student body will have an opportunity to express their opinions in regard to these elections.

However, these decisions cannot be taken too lightly; they require genuine thought by you the student.

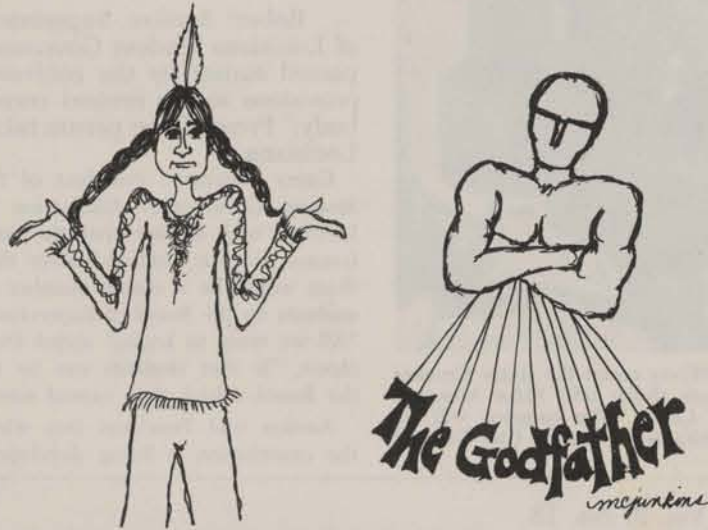
Take, for instance, the colors and mascot election. The outcome of this will be of a permanent nature. The winning items will represent the school in general, and the names of the various publications will take on the characteristics of the mascot name. So, think before carelessly selecting a mascot name or color combination. And select the ones you think are the best.

The SGA election will fill the positions of president, vice president and secretary. This election is important because the people selected will become your voice in the affairs of LSUS's governing body. You should vote for the person who you think will be best qualified to fill the position that they are running for.

Foremost, be sure that you do take the short time required to vote, because LSUS's future depends on you.

—David Graham

"I CAN'T BELIEVE HE USED THE AMERICAN INDIANS TO REFUSE AN OSCAR FOR A FILM THAT MISTREATED THE AMERICAN ITALIANS!!!"



Don't Need Censor

We Want Right To Choose Books

All across the nation censors are deciding what is okay to view and what books are fit to read.

LSUS, not to be outdone, has its own censor—Malcolm Parker, senior librarian.

In his own way he makes daily decisions on books that are donated to the library. In his office are many books awaiting his approval to be placed on library shelves. According to Parker, these books are "in holding" for various reasons.

Slanted Opinions

Some are being held in his office because he and other faculty members deem them to be too radical, not having any place in a college library. Parker said that some books are banned because they are of "slanted opinion." What are books for if not to express the author's views on a subject?

While we were in Parker's office we asked him about his censorship policy and got this reply: "Most of these books are unfit for college students, because the views they express are radical and probably wouldn't have any interest to students."

We got a chance to see the "hidden horde" of books firsthand. Title by title, we asked him why each book was not on the outside shelves.

Fanatic Types

"That Which Is" by Alfred Aiken is one of the forbidden novels. According to Parker it is "a far out religious book which is too out of the ordinary for a college student—it's more the work of a fanatic type."

Somehow we failed to discern his reasoning, but when he was asked to dwell further on this book, he said, "That's about the only reason."

Another book in the stockpile is Dotson Rader's "Government Inspected Meat and Other Fun Summer Things."

Parker stated that this is a book that picks on certain minority groups. When we scanned the book's inside jacket, we found that it's about the lives of homosexuals, whores, and pimps.

Are we so set in our ways that we can't read about others and try to accept them as fellow human beings? We hope not.

Logical Conclusions

How are college students supposed to form logical conclusions on anything if they are not given the different opinions of others on which they can base their decisions?

Jerry Rubin's "Do It" is another of Parker's private library books. When asked if he had read the book personally, the answer was "no." One

of the professors had told him about the book. He did, however, after a quick glance say that the book was "too radical and has no value for the students."

"Brown Book" is one of the first books given to our institution and it still remains on Parker's blacklist. It is a book on communism and although it doesn't directly advocate communism, that's the theme. Parker said, "This book might make students think that the communistic system is better than ours."

"Father Divine" is an extremely religious book with a fanatic slant," stated Parker. As we listened on, we became convinced that fanatic and radical are two of Parker's favorite terms.

Parker said that most of the books are being banned because they express the opinions of radicals.

Half-Empty Shelves

Maybe he should take the time to read some of the other books in our library, especially the ones where the British condemned George Washington and Thomas Jefferson as being too radical.

Parker and his colleagues should take the time to meander through the library and stare at the half-empty shelves. Maybe then they will realize that they are one of the reasons our library is understocked.

What ever happened to our freedom of choice? —Robert Clough

Lucian C. Cloud

We Get Letters Keep The Faith

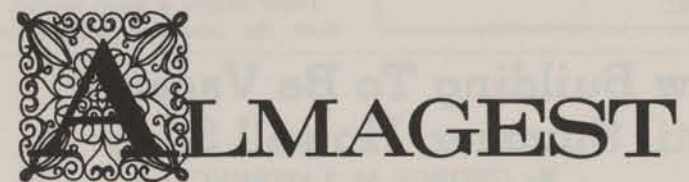
After reading the article which appeared in the *Almagest* on March 30, 1973, entitled "Student Defends Use of Pill," I came to four conclusions about the writer. He is interested primarily in promoting his own love life, insuring himself that he won't father an illegitimate child, valuing only his rights, and desires and disregards and resents parental guidance, and implies his lack of christianity. Upon reading the articles in the *Almagest*, one would draw the conclusion that the entire campus is hung up on sex education instead of education. If an innocent, normal, healthy girl were fed enough stories written as this one and others published, she would almost get the feeling she were the only mama's girl on campus.

I would like to elaborate on several catchy phrases in this letter which seem to be out of context. The letter stated, "The use of the word 'no' is fine for all but normal, healthy people." This sentence is implying that millions of Americans who use the word "no" are not normal, healthy people. In today's luxury-drenched society, the word "no" might be quite difficult to say, but nonetheless it is said, and with effective results.

The word "some" was used in referring to the amount of people who believe in the Bible. This word hardly adequately covers the millions who follow the teaching of the Bible and is very misleading. Although, as set forth in the letter, the Bible is backed up primarily by FAITH, this faith has sustained the word of God for thousands of years. The Bible is the world's best seller and this alone must indicate that man does not always need facts and photographs to believe something exists.

The article uses the word "mama" in a disrespectful way. It is implied that if a girl consults with her mother for advice, she is losing the right to make her own personal decision. There are still many families in America in which a girl seeks and values her mother's advice. This close relationship between mother and daughter is a prized one, and not one to be criticized.

It is true that the birth control pill is needed in today's society, but its disadvantages may outweigh its advantages if the end result is the complete deterioration of the morals necessary for the successful continuance of a flourishing society.



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Her Dad Rides One... Why Shouldn't She?

By MARGIE PARVINO

What does an attractive freshman English education major get out of riding a motorcycle? "Goosepimples," says Denise Fair who rides her Yamaha "250" five miles to school every day.

In spite of the nippy wind, motorcycle riding has its advantages. Since she averages more than 40 miles to a gallon of gasoline, Denise seldom worries about rising fuel costs. And since her Yamaha will fit almost any place that she will, she has no parking problems on campus, either.

Denise has wanted a motorcycle for several years, so it was no surprise to her parents when she bought one about a month ago.

She's Used To It

Although her machine is new, she is no newcomer to the feel of wind in her face and the vibration of a motor revving up beneath her. Her father has had a Harley-Davidson for as long as she can remember.

"My mother says that Daddy used to put me in a diaperbag, and we'd go riding," said Denise, proving that she is no novice when it comes to cycling.

Being a female Yamaha rider also has its holdbacks. The novelty of long brown hair streaming from beneath a helmet stimulates the interest of male drivers. "They slow down, drive beside you for a while and look," she smiled, "but I just pass them by."

Life for Denise has been much more uncomplicated since she realized that in addition to gas her bike needs



oil to make it run. When she first got it, she "almost burned it up," but a repair bill and a little oil added occasionally brought the situation under control.

In A Fix

In case of the emergency of a breakdown, Denise said, the tools used to fix her motorcycle are under the seat. The only problem is she doesn't know how to use them.

Motorcycle riding, she feels, is unfeminine; so for an added touch of femininity she carries a purse. Denise doesn't really need that reassurance. A pretty girl is always a pretty girl, even astraddle a Yamaha—at least the guys think so.



WITH THE ADVENT of warm weather and the perplexing problem of rising fuel costs, motorcycles and bicycles are beginning to frequent our campus in greater number. Who knows what the next few years will bring? The sea of cars that crowd our parking lots could soon be replaced by motorcycles similar to Denise Fair's Yamaha 250. Perhaps that is just speculation, but a few years ago would we have seen anyone as attractive as Denise manipulating a motorcycle? Time does make a difference.



Plattermania (And Other Varied Euphonies)

By STEPHEN KAUFMAN

Although Carole King's new album, "Rhymes & Reasons," provides some good music to listen to, it is not as good as her album "Tapestry" or her last album "Music." The main reason is that the keyboard instruments, especially Miss King's piano, are featured in every song—this tends to make them all sound alike.

Most song writers play only one or two instruments, but they usually feature solos by musicians playing instruments other than the ones they play themselves. Song writers such as Judy Collins, Carly Simon, and Joni Mitchell generally have a balance of songs on their albums featuring either the guitar or the piano.

Sounds Good

Miss King does have some good background musicians. Red Rhodes does an excellent job on steel guitar, especially on the song "Goodbye Don't Mean I'm Gone." Charles Larkey contributes a great deal with his electric bass on "Bitter With the Sweet."

"The First Day in August" features a string arrangement by Kurban and Campbell, rivaled only by Neil

Young's arrangement of "A Man Needs A Maid." The congoes and other percussion instruments are played rather well by Ms. Bobbye Hall.

What's Missing

Missing from the album are the one or two old songs of Miss King's which were made famous by other singers. Songs like "Natural Woman," "Up On the Roof," "Goin' Back," and "Where You Lead" have appeared on previous albums by Miss King. It is possible she could have run out of these oldies but goodies.

There are several other songs worth mentioning from the album. "Peace In The Valley" and "Gotta Get Through Another Day" along with "Been to Canaan" which has been released as a single are some of the better songs. Only about half of the songs are strong enough to be released as singles.

Although a larger portion of her songs on her other albums were good enough for single efforts, it must be realized that Miss King's albums usually contain twelve songs. It is a credit to her music talent to get six or more good songs on each album when some groups with five or six members cannot come up with one good song on an album in six or seven attempts.

No Spice

If you like good piano music with an occasional string or steel guitar arrangement, then you will not mind "Rhymes & Reasons." However, if you like your albums to have a little instrumental variety, you had better look elsewhere.

"Variety is the spice of life" means that featuring a piano on twelve out of twelve songs on an album isn't very spicy.



MY, WHAT BIG EYES YOU HAVE, Tony Sanders! All the better to see Linda Chance with, no doubt. "Little Red Riding Hood" is only one in a sequence of children's comedies staged by the Sigma Alpha Players. This year they have presented their storybook tales in 12 elementary schools and various public libraries. The program is free of charge as a service to the community.

Hush

By REX MABRY

The calm before the storm,
and the land lies still, and forboding.
No breeze, no sound of life.
The cactus stands tall,
like a Roman sentinel—
waiting—expecting the enemy.
The prairie dog burrows,
as is his custom,
and watches with two tiny eyes.
The snake slivers over the sand,
and the trap door spider
is motionless in his hole.
The tumble weeds don't tumble,
and the sands won't move;
but the clouds grow darker,
as the wind starts to stir.
The rancher is fearless—or else unwary,
as the skies begin to threaten,
and the birds cease their chatter;
but the silence is broken,
and there's no longer the calm.



"THOSE LECTURES ARE ALWAYS COOL, BUT I WISH THEY'D END WHEN THE BELL RINGS."

A Pollster Strikes Again

By FAY BURNETT

It is difficult to get away from the pollster when you are jammed into those little tables in the snack shack. I took advantage of this immobility the other morning to take a survey of student hobbies.

A table in the back of the room held three nursing students, Thomas Boddy, Billie Martin and Charlene Pace.

Thomas said that his hobbies were sky-diving, skin-diving and ice-skating. Charlene voiced no particular skills except eating scoops and scoops of Baskin-Robbins ice cream.

You Hunt What?

Billie, however, topped them all with her hobby, coon hunting. It's not every day that one finds an attractive coon hunter. "Does your husband go with you?" I asked.

"Oh no. I'm not married. But," she hastened to add, "I don't go alone."

"Are you successful?" I asked.

"Yes, and I have a good recipe for cooking it, too."

Mumbling, "That sounds good," I left.

Girls Are Fun

Jim McCarty, a psychology major, was sitting with his wife. When I asked him about his hobbies, he jokingly replied, "Girls," but hastily changed it at a glance from his spouse.

"I like to fish and I'm a very good cook," he said, to which she heartily concurred. Now, that's what I call a good hobby for a man.

Joan Harris, a budding fashion designer, said emphatically, "Men!" Then, with a laugh, "All sports—water skiing, swimming, drawing. But be sure to underline men."



THE ACTION IS ROUGH under basket at the recently held intramural basketball tournament. Unidentified players for the Wops and Rebels fight for rebounding positions.

T.N.U.C. Champs; Same Old Story

T.N.U.C. has captured its second title of the year, with a 58-47 victory over the Pollocks in the intramural basketball tournament. The Pollocks have once again been the victims of the "Mitchell Gang," led by Mike and Tim Mitchell, with assistance from Stuart Shannon.

In the finals this trio accounted for 52 of the team's total of 58. Mike Mitchell captured top honors with 22 points, followed by Shannon with 18 and Tim Mitchell totaling 12. Albert Rahn was the top gun for the opposition with 14 points.

The consolation game saw the Wops edge Country Smoke 52-49. This game turned out to be a shoot-out between John Good of the Wops and Smoke's Cliff Roberts. Good burned the nets for a tournament high 28 points closely followed by Roberts with 26.

Results from the quarterfinal games were Wops 45, Rebels 34; TNUC 32, Carousel 30; and Pollocks 58, Country Smoke 47. High point men were Good 26, John Russell 11, Ferrel Mercer 9, Tim Mitchell 17, Roberts 16 and Mike Yorba 22.

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Bench Remarks

By Terry Hargis

FACULTY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The LSUS Annual Faculty Tennis Tournament gets under way this week with approximately 25 faculty members and spouses slated to participate in competition. The tournament is divided into five divisions: men's and women's singles and doubles and mixed doubles. According to tournament coordinator Joe Patrick, "The tournament pairings have been seeded as much as possible, according to last year's results."

Marsala, Walker or Bates?

In the men's singles play the show-down will be in the first match when last year's doubles champs Danny Walker and Vince Marsala face each other. The winner will meet the victor of the Joe Patrick-Lawrence Hardy match. Favored in the lower bracket will be Jim Bates. To reach the finals he will have to dispose of Carlos Spaht and either Charles Johnson or Conway Merrett. There will also be a first round consolation bracket for the losers.

Women's singles competition is strictly a toss-up, with Sandra Bowen

a slight favorite. Bowen will pace Nancy Sexton and Linda Tabor will play the winner of the Mary McBride-Dorothy Hubble match. All first round games are to be played by April 16, second round April 23 and finals by April 30.

Doubles Trouble!

Pairings for the men's doubles are as follows: Walker-Marsala bye, match 1 Patrick-Hendon vs. Bates-Roemer, Johnson-Merrett bye, and match 2 Tabor-Spaht vs. Taberlet-Purdy. Walker-Marsala will meet the winners of match one and Johnson-Merrett the winners of match two.

The women's doubles championship will be decided between McBride-

Sexton vs. Bowen-Patrick. All doubles competition will be finished by April 30.

Mix and Match

The Mixed Doubles play is strictly a family affair with 8 of the 10 teams being husband and wife combinations. McBride-Walker will play the Johnsons with the winners meeting the victors in the Sextons-Merretts match. The Tabors tackle the Spahts with the winner taking on the Patricks, and Bowen-Bates will challenge the winners of the Purdys-Marsalas match. There will be a consolation prize for the second round losers to aim for along with the championship and runner-up spots.



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Men's and Women's singles tournament will be held at the South Broadmoor Y starting April 17. Those interested are advised to see Sandra Bowen in L279 before April 16.

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